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Dear Don:

As the host of the Symposium on US and USSR Dependence on Satellite Communications, I would like to thank you for your presentation on US COMSAT systems. Your talk helped get the Symposium off to a strong start and provided an excellent basis for further discussion. Many participants referred back to your presentation during the two day meeting. We very much appreciate your thoughtful effort.

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Based on many positive reactions to the Symposium, we feel it succeeded in raising key questions about the nature and degree of each side's dependence on COMSATS as well as informing both Red and Blue specialists about issues in strategic and tactical C3. We plan to issue a written summary in a few weeks that we hope will do justice to the uninhibited character of the discussions and the high level and quality of presentations.

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We hope to have similar sessions in the future on the subjects of manned space systems and reconnaissance/surveillance satellites and we look forward to further participation by you and members of your organization.

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Sincerely,

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Letter to Dr. Donald Latham, Dependency Symposium

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